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Ultimatum for 8 this morning Peres instructs El Al to suspend operations

By ZEEV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter and Staff
TEL AVIV. — The Economic Ministers Committee last night served an ultimatum on the striking El Al personnel that, unless they return to work immediately, El Al — the national air carrier — will close down as of 8 a.m. today.

Sanbar proposals Shelve State projects, halt public building

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
The new state-financed development projects should be shelved for six months, and all new construction of public buildings frozen for a year, excepting only hospitals, Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, recommends in his report on the means of payment. The report to the Cabinet is due to be released next week.

BIG GNP RISE

Their survey pays tribute to Israel's success in stepping up exports and investment last year, while holding consumption in check. (Latest information reveals that the Gross National Product grew in 1971 by more than the published figure of 7.1 per cent.)

Saudia, Kuwait 'make military pact with Egypt'

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have agreed to provide Cairo with "offensive weaponry" if the Egyptians went to war with Israel, under a new agreement reported yesterday.

Danish firm shipping radar units here

COPENHAGEN (INA). — The manager of the Danish electronics firm Terma has confirmed that his company is exporting radar units to Israel despite Government restrictions.

Vietnam counter-offensive

TWO weeks after the beginning of the North Vietnamese offensive, the most serious since the 1968 Tet operation, it seems that Saigon has finally succeeded in rallying its forces and, with massive American air support, mounted a counter-offensive. It is now expected that the Hanoi attack will spend itself in about four to six weeks.

Elazar says new guns meant to strike deep



Yitzhak Weizer has his Second-Lieutenant insignia pinned on him by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Ahiv David Elazar, as one of the two outstanding cadets of the artillery officers' course.

"The new long-range cannon that have strengthened the Army's artillery corps are not designed to draw you away from the cease-fire lines but to extend your fire power deeper into enemy territory," Chief of Staff David Elazar told a class of Artillery Corps officers at a graduation ceremony at an army base yesterday.

20,000-man relief force stalled Rockets slam Da Nang, threaten U.S. air base

DA NANG. — Nearly a score of North Vietnamese rockets slammed into the Da Nang area early this morning, apparently hitting near the U.S. air base. There was no immediate report on casualties or damage.

U.S. Air Force and Marine F-4 Phantom jets are using the air base for raids against enemy positions in North Vietnam, the northern quarter of South Vietnam and Laos.

Sirens echoed through Da Nang, South Vietnam's second largest city, within minutes of the attack, at 1:30 a.m. An aircraft with a huge searchlight was immediately airborne.

Meanwhile, attacking behind saturation bombing by U.S. B-52s, the entrenched and battered defenders of An Loc yesterday attempted to force back part of the North Vietnamese siege forces threatening the provincial capital north of Saigon.

A 20,000-man Government relief force remained stalled 24 kms. south of the town after being hit with heavy mortar fire and ground attacks. A better part of the Government's Fifth Division is bottled up 100 kms. north of Saigon.

A South Vietnamese base was also reported surrounded along the most likely invasion route to Hue, the old imperial capital 92 kms. south of the Demilitarized Zone. The surrounded unit mans Fire Base Bastogne 49 kms. southwest of the city, much of which was captured and held for weeks during the 1968 Tet offensive.

Despite the critical situation around Bastogne, military sources said the immediate threat to Quang Tri and the most other key points closer to the DMZ had diminished. In general, they said, Government troops now had taken the initiative and were carrying the fight to the North Vietnamese. However, there was no report of any drive to take back the 18 kms. of territory north of the Dong Ha River which was lost in the first three days of the big Communist attack.

The Allied Command for the moment seemed most concerned with the fighting on Highway 13 for An Loc. Two nearby district headquarters were lost to the Communists earlier. President Nguyen Van Thieu has ordered An Loc held at all costs, fearing the political and psychological impact of losing a provincial capital to the Communists. The North Vietnamese, probably for the same reasons, have sent elements of three divisions against the town.

Renewed hard fighting in southern Cambodia, just across the Vietnam border, also raised the threat that the Communist offensive might spill over into the Mekong Delta, so far relatively quiet during the current push.

49 RUSSIANS ASKED TO LEAVE BOLIVIA

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP). — A total of 49 Soviet diplomats and officials must leave Bolivia, Jaime Tapia, Under-Secretary of Bolivian Foreign Relations, said yesterday. Their departure, along with their dependants, means that a total of 100 Russians will leave, Mr. Tapia said. The Under-Secretary added that Bolivia, which maintains a three-man diplomatic mission in Moscow, considers that 13 employees are sufficient to represent the Soviet Union in Bolivia. The Bolivian Government three weeks ago ordered the Soviet Embassy in La Paz to reduce its staff by 118 persons, and presented a list of Russians who would be required to leave.

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GOOD OLD DADS — Mr. Peres deboarding from an El Al plane at Lod Airport.

country by seven leased planes. These measures prevented another mass build-up of stranded passengers at the airport. Senior company officials rolled up their sleeves yesterday and helped out wherever possible, including clerking in the company's main ticket sales office on Tel Aviv's Rehov Ben Yehuda. Hostesses who have not yet become permanent staff members filled in for their striking colleagues and the company buses were replaced by Egged buses.

Ber-Aharon: Worst labour crisis ever

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, said yesterday the crisis caused by the El Al strike was the gravest ever experienced by Israel labour. He was addressing the 56 recipients of study grants distributed by the Histadrut fund for fostering research.

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Readers' letters

THE DARK AGE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Allow me, a third-time visitor to your wonderful country, to voice an observation based on personal experience...

The scene at Jerusalem's Central Bus Station all day Sunday, April 2 (Eid Hamood/Pesover) was unbelievable. Thousands upon thousands of Israelis and tourists were piled up like cattle...

Instead of sending hundreds of Israeli experts to advise African countries on how to develop their public transport into the era of the 1970s...

HARRY GROSSMAN Jerusalem (New York), April 4

PEOPLE OF THE CHEQUE BOOK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As an Israeli who immigrated in 1950, I feel qualified to address a few remarks to Ruth P. Redmont...

Prime Minister herself slaps them down, admonishing: "The Israeli taxpayer isn't bearing the cost, so let's not hear any more about it."

Wouldn't it be so much nicer if the government treated all its citizens alike, and devoted all the "not-paid-by-the-Israel-taxpayer" revenue to projects that would make life easier for us all?

We don't resent new immigrants, Ruth Redmont. We resent being turned into second-class citizens by a government that regards us as the People of the Cheque-Book...

MARGRET EISENSTADT Jerusalem, April 2

FEIN FRIENDS HARRY WICKER (67) and his wife...

PAUL E. JACOBSON of 1836 Napa Street No. 8, Northridge, California...

Jerusalem, March 31

MUSIC REVIEW

Unconventional and modern

Haiti Chamber Music Society. The Vivaldi Trio: Flute, violin, cello, Zek, April 11...

SERGEI Natra is an unconventional modern composer, and his Piano Trio, written in one movement shows a wide range of energetic, challenging impressions.

More familiar ground returned with the Brahms Trio. Horn-player Wolfgang Levy's delicate phrasings and his sensibility command respect...

A Haydn rondo was given as encore, closing the H.C.H.M.S.' successful season. G.W.E.

White-collar record

TEL AVIV. — Fifty-four per cent of Israel's labour force are engaged in some sort of white collar work — the highest percentage in the world...

Israel also holds the record of people occupied in services as compared with productive occupations because one cannot import services while goods may be bought ready-made abroad.

KEEPING POSTED

A FRIEND with highly personal views on public and political matters says he would fire any government official who manages to get a strike settled in less than six weeks...



the strike. We told him not to worry too much about the El Al settlement, for this strike has only been postponed and agreement is yet to be reached.

We don't know how El Al feel about this theory, but they lost IL3 million in the two days the strike was on. This only works out at about IL7,500 per striking maintenance man...

ON the subject of restaurants: A colleague reports that at an official luncheon in Tel Aviv...

"ONE of the most fascinating news items from the Middle East," writes our Amsterdam correspondent, "I learnt, not from The Jerusalem Post, nor from any of the other papers with a particular interest in Israel and the Middle East, which I normally read, but from an article in the Dutch Labour daily 'Het Vrije Volk'...

Israel He missed the entrance, and I took no particular notice of some friendly banter about it's not being kosher enough for him. But when the last course arrived, I saw him catch the waiter by the sleeve, and enquire urgently and insistently: "Is it parve? Is it parve?"

"No," he answered. "I'm afraid it's my liver. I'm not allowed to eat dairy products, they give me a migraine. In fact," he added with a grin, "kosher diets suit me very well."

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"On April 1 he published an article of some 800 words in 'Het Vrije Volk' on municipal elections held in Transjordan (sic) on 28 March, which territory is now Israel-occupied, as is clear from the whole article. Since the word 'Transjordan' or 'Transjordanian' occurs six times in the report, it cannot be due to a printing error, or to a mere slip by the author, so that it must be true that, as the author writes, "for lack of an agreement with Amman it may happen that Transjordan will soon receive autonomous status and will be connected by federal links with Israel."

We must therefore assume that, unknown to the world, Israel has occupied the whole of Transjordan as well. As the article is much too serious to dismiss as an April Fool's joke (it appeared April 1) the only other possibility remaining is that the author views events from the Jordanian side, and therefore calls 'Transjordan' what from the Israeli point of view is 'Cis-Jordan,' or the so-called West Bank.

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Bridge Calendar

Coming Events April 21, National Pair Tournament for the Independence Cup. 18 Tables. N-S: 1. Dr. Kovalsky-Petrovski, 2. Noll-Sandler-Schich, 3. Mrs. O. Goldenberg-Ezard, 4. W. Schuch-Dr. Gasser, 5. Mrs. Moses-Liberman, 6. Mrs. Levine-Doron.

TEL AVIV TRAFFIC CHANGES

TEL AVIV. — Ben Yehuda and Dizengoff Streets will become one-way streets for privately-owned vehicles in mid-May and the Municipal Traffic Department is already beginning to institute changes in the traffic arrangements around town to usher in the change in two of the city's busiest thoroughfares.

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